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October 17, 1994

Mr. Glen Eurick Environmental Affairs Coordinator Barrick Mercur Mine P.O. Box 838 Tooele, Utah 84074

Director

Re: Permit No. UGW450001 - Permit Renewal

Completeness Review and Approval of Contingency

Plan

Dear Mr. Eurick:

We are in receipt of your request for permit renewal for Valley Fill Area No. 3, dated September 6, 1994 and have since received a Contingency Plan on September 15, 1994 and a revised Contingency Plan on September 22, 1994. Also included in your September 15, 1994 correspondence was the anticipated date for termination of gold leaching at Area No. 3 of December, 1997. This date of operations cessation was made as part of your permit renewal application which is now considered complete. The drafting of the renewed permit is now in progress. The September 15, 1994 Contingency Plan was modified based on minor comments from staff and those comments were taken into account in the September 22, 1994 revision. That version is hereby approved and will become Appendix B to the reissued permit. The permit itself and the statement of basis are in draft form and should be ready for public notice during this month.

Your cooperation in quickly resolving the above issues is appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this letter or the draft permit please contact Dennis Frederick at 538-6146.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

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Don A. Ostler, P.E. **Executive Secretary**

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